

REMARKS**Formal Matters**

Applicants have amended the specification and claims to comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 for nucleotide and amino acid sequences disclosed. Applicants have amended claims 4, 22, and 27, part (a) by replacing "Gln" with "Glu" and part (e) by replacing "thr" with "Thr" to correct typographical errors in the original claims. Support for the correction to part (a) of claims 4, 22, and 27 is provided throughout the specification, such as in originally filed Figure 1A, for example, in which the nucleic acid sequence corresponding to the peptide of part (a) contains the Glu codon, GAG, at amino acid 10 in Figure 1A. Support for capitalization of Thr in part (e) of claims 4, 22, and 27 is also found in originally filed Figure 1A at amino acid 156. No new matter is introduced by these amendments and their entry is respectfully requested.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a **telephone conference** would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is **strongly encouraged** to call the undersigned at the number indicated below.

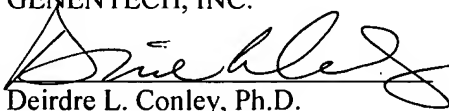
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with a Non-Provisional Application Transmittal under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) and appropriate fees during the pendency of parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/877,804 as indicated by the enclosed Petition and Fee for three-month extension of time. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of these documents, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 07-0630.

Respectfully submitted,

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